

STRIKE LEADERS SATISFIED

President Ratchford Expresses Confidence as to the Outcome.

THE MEN STANDING FIRM

Determined to Continue the Fight Until They Win if That Time Should Be the Middle of Winter—Many Meetings Addressed by Gompers, Sovereign and Others.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 14.—M. D. Ratchford had this to say tonight of the strike situation:

"We are more than satisfied with the present status of the strike, and have every reason to believe we are gaining strength daily. Stocks of coal are being reduced to the famine point, and that continuity will soon be in great demand."

"The men are standing firm, although in some localities many inducements are being offered to have them return to work. But they realize if they would accept higher prices for minutes it would only keep up the struggle to an almost indefinite period and are, therefore, determined to remain out until all the operators make the concessions demanded."

"The outlook from all points of view is very encouraging. The little coal being shipped into the strike district by the Central Pennsylvania and West Virginia operators is but a drop in the bucket compared with present needs. Cincinnati has a little river coal, but that will not last much longer. I repeat that the operators must settle with us."

"The poor miners have not been receiving living wages for many months, and of course they are not making anything now. But they are prepared to continue the fight until they win if that should be the middle of winter."

Saunders Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, J. R. Sovereign, president of the Knights of Labor, and M. D. Ratchford, president of the United Mine Workers, arrived in the city today and held a secret conference at the miners' headquarters. Tonight they addressed a meeting of miners and striking tube-makers at McKeesport.

A meeting was also held at Plum Creek, addressed by Mrs. Mary G. Jones, of Chicago.

At Monterey the miners also held a meeting.

Gompers, Ratchford and Sovereign will address a meeting at Plum Creek at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

The deputies at Bonilla arrested nine miners today and took them before Judge Byers, of that place. The men were charged by G. W. Peterson, the superintendent of the works, with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace by playing musical instruments on the highway.

Sup. Peterson wanted to have the members of the band arrested, and did not know their names, so he had John Ruc, John Rodian, Antonio Odel, W. M. Ford, Philip Gouffier, James Foster, Thomas Patterson, Charles Bowers, and John Doe arrested.

The men were given a hearing after their arrest and fined \$5 and costs or ten days in jail. As they were unable to furnish the fine they were brought to the county jail tonight.

LOOKING FOR A BREAK.

The Monongahela Company Expects the Strikers to Give In.

Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 14.—The Monongahela Coal Company, in an official communication to one of its agents here, announced that within a week all of the miners will be in full operation. The company states that the expect a big break among their striking miners, and they feel confident that the partial suspension will be completely broken soon.

The more serious aspect of the mine strike to West Virginia now is the coal famine which is threatening private consumers and manufacturing plants as well. The mines that are working are so busy filling large orders that they pay no attention to the urgent demands of the domestic trade.

Coal has advanced a week all of the time, and many mills are at a standstill. A communication from President Ratchford to the local leaders, announced that waterworks, whether owned by municipalities or private corporations, municipal plants and all charitable institutions, should receive coal without any trouble. The company firms its position with regard to pithead mines that do not compete beyond a local market, and says they must remain idle. The leaders in the Kanawha field claim four fifths of the men employed there are on strike.

CONFLICT NEAR HAZLETON.

Stones and Clubs Used and Blood Freely Spilled.

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 14.—The Lehigh and Williamsport Company's Henry Brook colliery was the scene of a sharp conflict this morning in which blood was freely spilled between striking miners and Supr. Gomer Jones and a number of his assistants. Trouble has been brewing here for some time, as Jones is said to be a tyrant. The pit drivers claim that they are compelled to work two hours extra daily, for which they get no pay. Yesterday a committee called on Jones to seek redress, but he refused to hear them and they struck.

This morning a crowd of strikers met two pit drivers returning to the pit. They were then a rifle from the colliery, but on the company's grounds. They stopped the drivers, and were trying to induce them to join the ranks, when Jones ran up with a club. He at the same time called to the company's men for help. Jones is charged with striking the first blow. He was knocked down by the strikers and kicked. The superintendent's assistants sent a volley of stones into the strikers, which was returned. Levi Walsh, one of the losses, was struck on the head and badly cut. The men then dispersed.

The coal and iron police were called from this city, but all is quiet now.

MINE OFFICIALS THREATENED.

Anonymous Notes of Warning Not to Visit Keystone.

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 14.—President W. E. Farnum of the Ohio miners, now on a guard duty, sends to the national headquarters here the following notice, copies of which have been sent through the mails to himself and nearly all the organizers now in West Virginia:

W. E. Farnum, Dear Sir: If you are in or about the town of Keystone, you or any of your colleagues, you will be waited upon by our vigilance committee, who will see that you do not remain here longer than 8 o'clock August 12, 1897. The miners are satisfied, and you had better not molest them.

(Signed) CITIZENS.

Strikers Will Return to Work.

Bedford, Ind., Aug. 14.—The miners of the Bedford Coal Mining Company and the Pittman mine, which have been idle since last Saturday, have signified their intention of returning to work next Monday. They had been induced to quit work by the Washington miners. They are getting all they ask for their labor.

DR. COUMBE'S BODY NOT FOUND.

Sunk in Deep Water and Recovery Seems Doubtful.

The body of Dr. Eppa H. Coumbe, the well-known young dentist of this city, who was drowned last Thursday while sailing in the *Le Coumbe*, near the Eastern Shore of Maryland, has not yet been recovered.

A party, composed of Dr. Oscar H. Coumbe, No. 1312 Ninth street, the brother-in-law of the deceased and his wife; Mr. John Mur, Miss Eva Whitford, Miss Daisy McMiller, Messrs. William and Alfred Blackford, Miss Ella Cook, and Dr. Eppa H. Coumbe, left Washington about ten days ago for a pleasure trip on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Last Thursday morning Dr. Eppa H. Coumbe and Mr. John Mur went out in a boat, and when about two miles from shore, in very deep water, the doctor slipped and fell overboard. Mr. Mur jumped over after his friend, and succeeded in reaching him. The two started for the shore, but Dr. Coumbe suddenly sank his head on Mr. Mur's shoulder and after a hard struggle Mr. Mur reached the shore.

Most of the party arrived home on Friday night, but Dr. Oscar H. Coumbe, the brother of the deceased, remained to have the body dragged for.

The deceased was a recent graduate of the Columbia Dental College, and took the honors of his class. He had opened his office at No. 1216 F street north-west, and was rapidly gaining a large practice. He was soon to have been married to Miss Virginia Jones, of Philadelphia.

ENGLAND THEIR EASY HAVEN

Protests Against Great Britain Giving Asylum to Anarchists.

The British Press Waking Up to the Seriousness of the Situation—Trafalgar Meeting.

London, Aug. 14.—The English newspapers are beginning to heed the protests of the continental governments against England affording asylum to anarchists, and some of them advocate the adoption of strict regulations to prevent the migration of these gentry into Great Britain.

The score occasioned in the continental cities by the assassination of Prime Minister Canovas has led the European governments to revive all their precautions against anarchists, but they have little hope that England will join them in their efforts.

The English government has strong scruples about interfering with the liberty of speech, unless an anarchist crime should be committed in this country. The belief in England is that the country owes its immunity to the fact that it is a place that offers asylum to the brotherhood of crime, and it is not at all likely that anything will be done at present, at least to hurt the feelings of these enemies of civilization. Great Britain's attitude is, of course, a selfish one, but so long as she is safe from machinations of these people, she will have no more than a sentimental concern in the fate that they may mete out to continental rulers and statesmen.

The authorities have given permission for the holding of a public meeting at Trafalgar Square for the ostensible purpose of protesting against the cruelties perpetrated upon prisoners in the Spanish jails. It is pretty well known that the meeting will be an anarchist assemblage, and there have been numerous protests against its being held. The commissioner of police says, however, that he has no official objection to the applicants for the permit are anarchists, and he therefore could not refuse to issue it.

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CROSS' CASE POSTPONED.

Not Known if Mr. Feder Has Gone to Cincinnati.

The proceedings in the Cross case in Cincinnati yesterday were very brief. Cross failed to reach Cincinnati, or at least he did not appear at headquarters, and the case was postponed.

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ON TO THE GOLD FIELDS

News of the Blockade Does Not Stop the Rush.

A NECESSARY REGULATION

Some of the People Are Going to the Klondike—A Letter Which Details the Difficulties in the Way of the Prospectors—Need for Pack Trains.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 14.—The Klondike passengers are informed that the United States inspector of ships will rigidly enforce regulations of the Government against overcrowding of vessels. This vigilance appears after a number of vessels have violated the law, and men and animals have, as to speak, occupied the same stalls and almost shared the same beds. The inspector enforced the law against the Utopia this morning and gave notice that vessels of that class under 200 tons burden, will not be permitted to sail on the northern route after September 15.

Among Klondikers from Seattle yesterday was George Peabody, a member of the New York Stock Exchange. He is supplied with letters of credit on Dawson City for a large amount of money, and will not only prospect for claims in Klondike, but will also be prepared to buy properties. He is one of the large number of American capitalists who have gone to the new gold fields, and is expected to return with a large sum of money.

Richard Butler, one of Klondike's fortunate men, who owns five claims and cleaned up \$100,000, returned today from his Minnesota home, accompanied by four brothers, who will outfit here and go with him to work his claims. It is asserted here that Butler was a speculator and knew how to manipulate mining stocks like Kaffir Barmato could become a Klondike multi-millionaire in the time he consumes in making his return trip to Dawson.

The Humboldt, which sails tomorrow, will take 200 passengers to St. Michaels. She will be followed by the Paragon and City of Seattle, Tuesday, the latter to make a record-breaking pace, 70 hours between Seattle and Dyea. The former takes 100 passengers from Seattle.

Up to the present, 1,000 horses have been sent to Northern passes for packing purposes over trails.

Several hundred wagons are now on their way north, and it is now believed that a united effort on the part of thousands of miners at blockade points will soon relieve the terrible strain.

A private letter received from a Seattle man at Dyea says:

"We have been tramping to and fro, through thick mud and snow, for more than two weeks, packing our grub upon our backs over mountains. This is our last trip. What we can't take this time we will sell. There is more confusion here than in Russia. Every man's outfit, after being dumped off the ship into mud, looks like every other man's outfit. Every man is crying 'what's mine' and is just as ready to give it up as to take it. There are about 3,000 would-be gold seekers here, and they will stay here unless they do as we have done—make pack-horses of themselves, and pack their grub over the mountains on their backs. There is no pack train here worth the name, and there are not a dozen good packers to be found."

"Two good pack trains with packers would be a godsend to people who are here waiting for the pack trains. If men would turn out and find trails and tramp down snow they would soon reach the lake and the goldfields."

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A FIFTEEN DAY FOR ARRESTS.

The Police in the Second Precinct Kept Busy.

Several arrests were made in the second precinct last night, the majority of charges being drunkenness and disorderly conduct. A colored man, who was arrested for drunkenness, was taken to the police station and held for a night.

Cato Bray, a colored tough, who shot Joseph Lee in a saloon July 4 last, again came into the notice of the police last night by engaging in disorderly conduct near the corner of Fourth and O streets north-west.

Officer Martin effected his arrest and succeeded in locking up his man at the station, not, however, without inflicting blows with his club on the head of Bray that rendered the latter's immediate removal to the Freedman's Hospital necessary.

When Bray arrived at the station his forehead and right side of his head presented a gruesome appearance.

Bray is considered by the police as a desperate character and it is thought that he could not have been subdued without the use of the club.

William Canady, colored, was arrested and locked up at No. 2 station charged with shooting a rap.

Frederick Shuffelt, a white man, who claims to be a sign painter, was arrested by Police Detective Watson yesterday and turned over to Detective Barnes for investigation relative to a charge of promoting policy.

Charles West, colored, living at No. 444 Clinton's alley, was taken to the Freedman's Hospital yesterday as the result of being cut in the left arm, just below the shoulder.

West claims that his wife cut him while he was asleep in bed. The wound is a jagged slice, two inches long and one-half as wide, a strip of flesh of those dimensions having been cut from his arm.

Thomas Smith, colored, living in Shepherd's alley, between Ninth, Tenth, L and M streets, was struck in the head by a brick thrown by an unknown person.

The side of his head was lacerated, and his case was considered precarious. He was taken to the Freedman's Hospital, to which the injured man was removed.

Lewis Dickerson, colored, fell from the top of his two-story house, in Freedman's hospital, yesterday, and severely injured his right leg. He was removed to Freedman's Hospital.

The city roll for street work this week amounted to \$500.

The committee on general laws of the city council organized last night. Mr. John H. Green was made chairman.

The Southern Railway Company has contributed \$50 to the West End fire department.

A very delicate operation was performed at the infirmary today by Drs. Jones, Miller and Slaughter upon Mr. Paul Chapard.

Mrs. R. Lee Wilkins, after a pleasant visit in this city, returned to her home in Chicago today, accompanied by her sister, Miss Rosalie Bagot.

Mr. James R. Canon has returned from Newburn, N. C.

The following cases were disposed of by Mayor Simpson today: Samuel Tresson, drunk and disorderly, fined \$2.50; Joseph Tibbs, colored, for defacing the property of Alfred Peters, was fined \$5; Clara Davis, colored, disorderly conduct, was fined \$2.50; and John Jasper, colored, charged with assaulting James Richards, was dismissed.

Joseph Rhine, colored, who ran away from his home in North Carolina, was returned to his parents by Chief Webster today.

During a storm on Tuesday night Mr. Warren Payne, residing near Catlett's Station, was killed by lightning.

Payne was sleeping on a cradle in which an infant lay when killed. The child was unhurt. Mrs. Payne, who was in the act of lowering a window, received a terrible shock and is reported to be in a critical condition.

The boat in which the three men who attempted to rob Rosie Moore are supposed to have made their escape from this city, was found adrift in Washington yesterday evening, and the owner, Mr. Ben Posey, went to that city and brought it home.

The police are confident that the three men escaped to Washington in the boat. Albert Fisher was convicted in the police court this evening of the larceny of clothing from E. Goldsmith, and sentenced to sixty days on the gang.

The infant child of Mrs. William Kiteon, of Catlett's Station, died suddenly in this city yesterday evening at the residence of Mr. M. F. Holson, on Payne street.

The mother had brought the little one to this city for medical treatment, and on her return to the railway station stopped at the residence of Mr. Holson, where the child suddenly grew weak and died in a few minutes. The remains were taken to Edsall's today.

Mr. W. H. Fritchman, the expert scoured by the city to examine the gas and electric lines, has completed his examination and returned to New York. He will submit a report to the city next week as to the best manner of improving the works.

The funeral of Miss Sarah Stodolph, who died at the infirmary yesterday, took place from Christ Church this evening at 6 o'clock.

A meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon in the M. E. Church South.

Mr. F. F. Gorman and daughters, Misses Kate and Mollie, left this evening for St. George's Island.

Rev. J. T. Williams, of the M. E. Church South, has gone to the Benton Woods camp meeting.

What to Do With the Tramp. Chief Clerk W. T. Trevelyan, of the Santa Fe freight office, stopped the following story with him from his Western trip:

"When the train stopped at Larned, Kan., I heard a voice say in a tone of command: 'Come out of there! I looked out of the car window, and saw an old man holding a tramp, who was just crawling out from the tracks onto the road. I supposed it was the sheriff of the county, and that he had caught a criminal."

"I went on my way, and the old man, as the tramp stood on his feet. 'I'll give you \$1.50 a day.'"

"Then it dawned on me. The old man was out catching large hands for the harvest field. A moment later a young man came up and tried to hire the tramp, but the older farmer drove him away, saying the tramp was his by right of discovery, and he proposed to keep him or fight. The conductor told me such occurrences are common at present, and that there are few stations along the line in the grain belt but have a crowd of farmers around them at train time, hoping to be able to catch a tramp for the harvest fields. It is work or jail with a tramp when he falls into such hands."—Kansas City Journal.

A Sharp Child. A little boy who had a cousin living but three blocks from his home was given permission to stop and play there after school whenever he chose. The tempter soon whispered in Henry's ear that he might catch a big fish under the pretense of having been at his cousin's home.

One evening after his mother had heard of her truant boy's wanderings, she asked him where he had been since school closed.

"Down to Cousin Alfred's house," he replied.

Then she kindly said: "Harry, mamma knows you have not been there; you don't tell a lie; just tell the truth and all will be well." He replied: "How did you find out?" "Oh, a little bird told mamma."

After which he peered his finger with a little gesture of warning and said: "Don't talk to me about lying; birds can't talk."—Chicago Tribune.

NEWS FROM ALEXANDRIA

A Sum of \$3,000 Available for Street Improvements.

Made Combative by Whisky—A Partnership Dissolved—Killed by Lightning—Other Items.

Alexandria, Aug. 14.—At the meeting of the city council last night Mr. Smith, chairman of the committee on streets, announced that on January 1 next there would be available \$3,000 for street improvements, in addition to the amounts appropriated by council for this work. This is a part of the direct tax collected during the war and ordered to be refunded by an act of Congress, and is in the hands of the city treasurer, unclaimed by the parties who paid it. The law provides that if the money returned to those who paid it is not claimed by the date mentioned it is to be turned over to the city for street improvements. There is also about \$500 in the hands of the treasurer which will be turned over to the county for road work if not claimed.

After a desperate struggle, and by the use of a horse and wagon, Officers Aldrich and Knight, this evening succeeded in leading Charles Arnold in the police station. Arnold was very drunk, and shortly after entering the store of Mr. R. R. Knight, on King street, he attempted to take charge of the premises and run things according to his own ideas. When the proprietor objected, Arnold became desperate, and would have doubled the house but for the timely arrival of the police. He was placed in a wagon, and fought the officers desperately until the police station was reached. His screams attracted several hundred persons, who followed the wagon until it reached headquarters.

The firm of Bain & Faxon, hardware merchants, has been dissolved, and the business will hereafter be conducted by Mr. W. H. Bain.

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